

Fees – Medical Specialists who hold appointment as part-time government medical officers under the *Coroners Act 2003*

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Purpose: To outline the arrangements for fees paid to medical specialists who hold appointment as part-time Government Medical Officers (GMO).

Application: This policy applies to medical specialists employed by Queensland Health (excluding Health Support Queensland and Queensland Ambulance Services) who hold appointment as part-time GMOs.

Queensland Ambulance Service employees are to refer to their local policy/procedure.

Delegation: The 'delegate' is as listed in the relevant Department of Health Human Resource (HR) Delegations Manual, or Hospital and Health Services Human Resource (HR) Delegations Manual, as amended from time to time.

Legislative or other authority:

- *Coroners Act 2003*
- Coroners Regulation 2015

Policy subject:

1 Policy statement

A medical specialist employed in a public hospital can hold appointment as a part-time GMO, and undertake post-mortem examinations ordered by a coroner under the *Coroners Act 2003*, outside of normal duty time within Queensland Health facilities, as part of the required duties as a part-time GMO.

The following applies to post-mortem examinations undertaken by Queensland Health employed medical specialists:

- The medical specialist is entitled to retain the prescribed fees under the Coroners Regulation 2015.
- The medical specialist is not entitled to award overtime payment for post-mortem examinations undertaken in the capacity of part-time GMO.



- If a post-mortem examination is undertaken during time for which payment is made by Queensland Health, the fee paid to the specialist under the Coroners Regulation 2015 is to be paid by the specialist to Queensland Health.
- It is expected that the majority of post-mortem examinations will be conducted in the medical specialist's own time.

These arrangements do not apply to medical specialists employed by Health Support Queensland.

History:

June 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – formatted as part of the HR Policy review – application amended as a result of changes to the Hospital and Health Boards (Changes to Prescribed Services) Amendment Regulation 2019.
March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – formatted as part of the HR Policy review – amended to update references and naming conventions.
April 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy reviewed as part of the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) HR Policy Integration project. • Policy not applicable to QAS medical specialists.
February 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy formatted as part of the HR Policy Simplification project. • Policy amended to update references and naming conventions.
April 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed as a result of the HR Policy Framework consolidation.
Previous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRM 2.7-30 Fees – Coroners Rules 1959 – Medical Specialists Who Hold Appointment as Part Time Government Medical Officers.